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1. ANHWEI RADIO'S JUNE 18 IDENTIFICATION OF PLA-MAN SUNG PEI-CHANG AS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY/REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE (RC) CHAIRMAN BRINGS THE TOTAL OF TOP PROVINCIAL VACANCIES DOWN TO TWO-- LIAONING AND TSINGHAI--THE LOWEST FIGURE SINCE PEKING UPROOTED REGIONAL COMMANDERS FROM SIX OF THESE POSTS AT THE END OF 1973 (REFTEL). APPOINTEES SINCE THEN HAVE GENERALLY BEEN REHABILITATED VETERAN PARTY CADRE WITH KWEICHOW'S LU JUI-LIN AND NOW SUNG THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS IN THE SEVEN FILLED SLOTS. THE CURRENT BALANCE BETWEEN MILITARYMEN AND CIVILIANS IN THE TOP PARTY/RC POSTS STANDS 11 TO 16 RESPECTIVELY. HOWEVER, TWO OF THE ELEVEN MILITARYMEN, IN SHANSI AND HEILUNGKIANG PROVINCES, ARE PROBABLY OUT, AND SHANSI IS ALMOST CERTAINLY IN CIVILIAN HANDS (HK 2755).

2. SUNG IN THE EARLY REVOLUTION DAYS WAS A MEMBER OF UNITS

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WHICH LATER BECAME PART OF THE SECOND FIELD ARMY--IN WHICH

TENG HSIAO-PING SERVED (HK 1138)--AND IN THE 1950-51 PERIOD
WAS IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION (SZECHWAN) WITH THAT ARMY WHEN
TENG WAS BOSS OF THE SOUTHWEST. SUNG WENT TO ANHWEI IN 1967
SERVING IN BOTH THE RC AND RECONSTITUTED PARTY COMMITTEE AND
BECAME THE PROVINCE'S LEADING PERSONALITY FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER
OF ANHWEI'S BOSS LI TEH-SHENG TO PEKING IN LATE 1972. SUNG
BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 1973. SINCE
THEN HE CONTINUED TOP RANKED IN PROVINCIAL TURNOUTS, AND HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS FIRST POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE MILITARY
DISTRICT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ANHWEI PEASANTS' ASSOCIATION
STANDING COMMITTEE. SUNG SUBSEQUENTLY HEADED HIS PROVINCE'S DEL-
EGATION TO THE JANUARY, 1975 NPC WHERE HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE
PRESIDIUM.
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